

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE



OFFICIAL WARNING
VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

CASE NUMBER:
MD10039-AC

VIOLATOR:
Wildlife Rehabilitation of
Hernando, Inc.

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, ZIP Code):
8485 Sunshine Grove Road
Brooksville, FL 34613

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about the date(s) listed below, you or your organization committed the following violation(s) of Federal Regulations:

Date of Violation: May 13, 2010

9 C.F.R. § 2.131(b)(1) Handling of Animals. Handling of all animals shall be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.

You failed to safely unload 2 African lions from their transport enclosures as carefully as possible.

Date of Violation: August 30, 2010

9 C.F.R. § 2.75(b) Records: Dealers and Exhibitors. Every exhibitor shall make, keep, and maintain records or forms which fully and correctly disclose the information required concerning animals purchased or otherwise acquired, owned, held, leased, or otherwise in his or her possession or under his or her control.

You failed to maintain accurate records.

Date of Violation: September 27, 2010

9 C.F.R. § 2.75(b) Records: Dealers and Exhibitors. Every exhibitor shall make, keep, and maintain records or forms which fully and correctly disclose the information required concerning animals in his possession or under his control, including the name and addresses of persons animals were purchased or otherwise acquired, the vehicle license number and driver's license number, and the date of purchase, acquisition, sale, or disposal of the animal.

You failed to maintain complete and accurate records of at least 16 animals.

Date of Violation: September 27, 2010

9 C.F.R. § 3.125(a) Facilities, General. Structural Strength. The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

You failed to maintain primary enclosures for several large felines in good repair so that they were structurally sound and would contain the animals. The hot wire on the enclosures was not operating properly.

Date of Violation: January 4, 2011

9 C.F.R. § 2.131(a) Handling of Animals. All licensees who maintain wild or exotic animals must demonstrate adequate experience and knowledge of the species they maintain.

You failed to submit written documentation to the Animal Care Office concerning your knowledge and experience when handling large felines.

Date of Violation: January 4, 2011

9 C.F.R. § 3.78(d) Outdoor Housing Facilities. Perimeter fence. An outdoor housing facility must be enclosed by a fence that is of sufficient height to keep unwanted species out. Fences less than 6 feet must be approved by the Administrator.

You failed to provide a fence that was 6 feet or taller around the snow macaque enclosure.

Date of Violation: January 4, 2011

9 C.F.R. § 3.125(a) Facilities, General. Structural Strength. The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

You failed to maintain primary enclosures for several large felines in good repair so that they were structurally sound and would contain the animals. The hot wire on the enclosures was not operating properly. You also failed to repair wire mesh in the lynx enclosure that was not securely attached to the wood frame.

Date of Violation: January 24, 2011

9 C.F.R. § 2.131(a) Handling of Animals. All licensees who maintain wild or exotic animals must demonstrate adequate experience and knowledge of the species they maintain.

You failed to submit written documentation to the Animal Care Office concerning your knowledge and experience when handling large felines.

Date of Violation: March 7, 2011

9 C.F.R. § 2.131(a) Handling of Animals. All licensees who maintain wild or exotic animals must demonstrate adequate experience and knowledge of the species they maintain.

You failed to submit written documentation to the Animal Care Office concerning your knowledge and experience when handling large felines.

Date of Violation: March 7, 2011

9 C.F.R. § 3.78(d) Outdoor Housing Facilities. Perimeter fence. An outdoor housing facility must be enclosed by a fence that is of sufficient height to keep unwanted species out. Fences less than 6 feet must be approved by the Administrator.

You failed to provide a fence that was 6 feet or taller around the snow macaque enclosure.

Date of Violation: March 7, 2011

9 C.F.R. § 3.125(a) Facilities, General. Structural Strength. The facility must be constructed of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. The indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

You failed to have enclosures for large felines that would adequately contain the animals.

Date of Violation: June 9, 2011

9 C.F.R. § 3.78(d) Outdoor Housing Facilities. Perimeter fence. An outdoor housing facility must be enclosed by a fence that is of sufficient height to keep unwanted species out. Fences less than 6 feet must be approved by the Administrator.

You failed to provide a fence that was 6 feet or taller around the snow macaque enclosure.

Date of Violation: September 13, 2011

9 C.F.R. § 2.126(b) Access and Inspection of Records and Property. A responsible adult shall be made available to accompany APHIS officials during the inspection process.

You failed to have a responsible adult available at 10:30 a.m. to conduct an inspection of the records and facility.

Date of Violation: November 29, 2011

9 C.F.R. § 2.126(b) Access and Inspection of Records and Property. A responsible adult shall be made available to accompany APHIS officials during the inspection process.

You failed to have a responsible adult available at 9:30 a.m. to conduct an inspection of the records and facility.

Date of Violation: February 15, 2012

9 C.F.R. § 2.126(b) Access and Inspection of Records and Property. A responsible adult shall be made available to accompany APHIS officials during the inspection process.

You failed to have a responsible adult available at 10:00 a.m. to conduct an inspection of the records and facility.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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